

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 589  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 589, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STROKE CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve stroke  
care in Hawaii.

More specifically, this measure requires the Department of  
Health to participate in:

- (1) A systematic process to evaluate, improve, and sustain  
stroke care to reduce incidents of stroke-related death  
and disability;
- (2) The stroke coalition by providing reports to the  
coalition and other interested parties, analyzing stroke  
database data, identifying stroke-related issues,  
encouraging the sharing of information and data among  
health care providers, and developing and implementing  
strategies to improve stroke identification and  
treatment; and
- (3) A stroke database that compiles information and  
statistics on stroke care and assists the stroke  
coalition's evaluation of stroke care.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, American Heart Association, Hawaii College of Emergency Physicians, Hawaii Neurological Society, Hawaii Stroke Coalition, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Pacific Health, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that stroke is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of disability in Hawaii. The rapid identification, diagnosis, and treatment of strokes can save lives, and in some cases, reverse neurological damage. Stroke care in Hawaii can be improved through the development of a coordinated system of stroke care to ensure the provision of optimal, safe, and effective emergency care in a timely manner.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 589, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

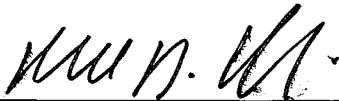
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB589, HDI, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/31/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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